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### **PRESS RELEASE**

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#### ***Government of Japan Supports the Establishing of an X-Ray Unit in the Hebron Emergency Center in H2 Area***

Today, on February 11, 2013, the signing ceremony of the grant contract of the project for "Establishing an X-Ray Unit in the Hebron Emergency Center" was held in the Representative Office of Japan to the PA in Ramallah. The contract was signed by Mr. Junya Matsuura, Ambassador for the Palestinian Affairs/ Representative of Japan to the PA, and Ms. Shatha Odeh, General Director of the Health Work Committees. The amount of the project funded by the Government of Japan through the Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) is \$ 101,137.

This project aims to alleviate the physical and economic burdens of around 48,000 Palestinians who live in the H2 Area in the old city of Hebron who are in need to visit other hospitals to get x-ray services. Palestinians movement in that area is heavily controlled by the Israeli Authority through over 100 obstacles such as checkpoints and roadblocks which never makes it easy on the patients, requiring them to walk through thread streets full of obstacles and be kept for a check on the areal border even in an emergency. This grant therefore, will be utilized to establish an x-ray unit by remodeling an existing two rooms in the Center and installing an x-ray system, other office equipments and basic furniture in the control room and waiting area. Thus medical services will be improved within H2 area and people's suffering will be quite relieved.

Mr. Matsuura in his speech emphasized Japan's firm commitment of supporting Palestinian people from human security perspective as well as the importance of implementing social and economic development projects needed for Palestinian communities.

Since 1993 Japan has provided about \$1.3 billion to Palestinians. In 2012 Japan has extended approximately 67.7 million dollars of assistance. GGP projects have been formulated in collaboration with the Palestinian Authority through MoPAD since 2010.

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Signing Ceremony Event